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A total of 269 cities in the Soviet Union have 50,000 or more inhabitants each. An estimated 60,732,000 people, or 30.3 percent of the total population of the Soviet Union (200.2 million), live in and around these cities; that is, within a 10-mile radius of their centers. For purposes of this study the word "city" means a city of 50,000 or more inhabitants. The regional pattern of these population concentrations is shown on the two accompanying maps. Map I gives the distribution of cities in the Soviet Union. Map II shows the importance of the populations centered around these cities in relation to the total population of the administrative unit within which they are located.

The densest urban concentration is in Moskovskaya Oblast', where an estimated 76 percent of the total population lives in and around cities. This oblast also contains more cities than any other second-order administrative division (oblast, kray, ASSR) in the Soviet Union. The oblast that ranks second is in the Ukraine--Stalinskaya Oblast', which covers the central and western portions of the highly industrialized Donbas. Here 75 percent of the inhabitants live in and around cities. Leningradskaya Oblast' follows with 74 percent. In only four other oblasts is 50 percent or more of the total population concentrated in and around cities -- Kemerovskaya Oblast' with 57 percent, Chelyabinskaya Oblast' with 53 percent, Alma-Atinskaya Oblast' with 51 percent, and Dnepropetrovskaya Oblast' with 50 percent. In other second-order divisions the percentages of urban population ranges from 50 percent to zero, several divisions having no urban centers as large as 50,000 inhabitants.

No recent data on which to base an accurate regional picture of the ethnic composition of the Soviet Union is available. The most recent Soviet source of comprehensive information on the subject is the Census of 1939. The following table presents 1939 Census data and U.S. Air Force estimates for 1957 ~~on the basis~~ of the percentage of the people belonging to the titular ethnic group in each Union Republic.

<u>Republic</u>	<u>1957 USAF Estimate (percent)</u>	<u>1939 Census (percent)</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>
Armenia	78	84	Armenian
Azerbaijdzhan	58	63	Azerbaijdzhani
Belorussia	55	81	Belorussian
Estonia	69	91	Estonian
Georgia	62	61	Georgian
Kazakhstan	37	57	Kazakh
Kirgizia	43	67	Kirgiz
Latvia	60	76	Latvian
Lithuania	68	80	Lithuanian
Moldavia	84	65	Moldavian
RSFSR	75	73	Russian
Tadzhikistan	58	78	Tadzhik
Turkmenistan	63	72	Turkmen
Ukraine	57	80	Ukrainian
Uzbekistan	62	87	Uzbek

An extensive redistribution and mixing of ethnic groups has occurred since 1939. The changes of greatest magnitude, however, have taken place in large cities, which have experienced a heavy influx of Russian industrial

and administrative workers. Consequently the proportions given in the 1939 Census may, in many cases, be more representative of the ethnic composition in areas outside cities than are the 1957 estimates.

In Kazakhstan, according to the 1957 estimate, the proportion of Russians is slightly greater than that of the titular ethnic group, the Russians representing 37.2 percent of the total population compared to 37.1 for the Kazakhs. Russians also comprise significant sectors of the population of other republics -- 34 percent in Latvia, 32 percent in Belorussia, 30 percent in the Ukraine, 30 percent in Estonia, and 29 percent in Kirgizia. Significant minority groups are present in several of the western-border republics of the USSR. In Belorussia, an estimated 6.6 percent of the people are Poles and 2.3 percent Jews. Poles also comprise 6.1 percent of the population of Lithuania, and Poles and Jews together make up 5.5 percent of the total population in Moldavia.

Most of the people of the various ethnic groups understand the language of their own ethnic group, and many of them also understand and use Russian, since teaching of the Russian language is compulsory in all Soviet schools.

The following table gives population data for all the cities in the Soviet Union with populations of more than 50,000. Each city is listed under the first or second-order administrative division in which it is located. Column one of the table shows the total population of (1) the Republic, (2) Oblast, Kray, or ASSR, and (3) City. The figures in this column are Soviet estimates made in 1956 and published in statistical handbooks from 1956 through 1958. The only exceptions are cities between

50,000 and 100,000 population in Belorussia, for which no Soviet estimates were available. Column two gives the total number of inhabitants living within cities for each of the administrative units. Column three presents estimates of the total number of inhabitants living in and around cities; that is, within a 10-mile radius of the center of each. The figures in column three are estimates based on very general information, such as election district data at the All-Union level and settlement patterns shown on oblast maps, and should be so regarded. Column four shows the percentage of the population of each administrative unit that lives in and around cities. Map II, which shows density of urban concentrations, is based on these percentages.

Population of Urban Concentrations in the USSR  
(in 1,000's)

Republic Oblast, Kray, ASSR City	Total Population	Population by Administrative Units		
		In Cities	In & Around Cities	Percent Column 3 is of Column 1
<u>Armenyanskaya SSR</u>	1,633	488	600	37
Yerevan	385			
Leninikan	103			
<u>Azerbaydzhanskaya SSR</u>	3,396	709	1,020	30
Baku	598			
Kirovabad	111			
<u>Belorusskaya SSR</u>	7,992	1,135	1,590	20
Brestskaya Obl.	1,194	80	130	11
Brest	80			
Gomel'skaya Obl.	1,323	144	170	13
Gomel'	144			
955	955	65		
Grodenskaya Obl.	955	65	130	14
Grodno	65			
Minsk ya Obl.	1,633	467	625	38
Minsk	412			
Borisov	55			
Mogilevskaya Obl.	1,131	196	295	26
Mogilev	106			
Bobruisk	90			
Molodachinskaya Obl.	848	0	0	0
Vitebskaya Obl.	908	183	240	26
Vitebsk	128			
Orsha	55			
<u>Estonyanskaya SSR</u>	1,149	322	340	30
Tallin	257			
Tartu	65			

<u>Gruzinskaya SSR</u>	3,978	940	1,191	30
Tbilisi	635			
Rustavi	53			
Kutaisi	114			
Abkhazskaya ASSR	394	61	100	25
Sukhumi	61			
Adzharskaya ASSR	238	77	114	48
Batumi	77			
<u>Kazakhskaya SSR</u>	8,488	1,808	2,130	25
Akmolenskaya Obl.	578	85	95	16
Akmolinsk	85			
Aktyubinskaya Obl.	383	66	70	18
Aktyubinsk	66			
Alma-Atinskaya Obl.	785	330	400	51
Alma-Ata	330			
Dzhambul'skaya Obl.	528	90	150	28
Dzhambul	90			
Gur'yevskaya Obl.	280	66	70	25
Gur'yev	66			
Karagandinskaya Obl.	894	400	415	47
Karaganda	350			
Tenir-Tau	50			
Kokchetavskaya Obl.	435	0	0	0
Kustanayskaya Obl.	587	63	72	12
Kustanay	63			
Kzyl-Ordynskaya Obl.	312	52	60	19
Kzyl-Orda	52			
Parvodarskaya Obl.	438	60	70	16
Parvodar	60			



Semipalatinskaya Obl.	454	136	142	31
Semipalatinsk	136			
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	436	118	135	31
Petropavlovsk	118			
Taldy-Kurganskaya Obl.	457	0	0	0
Voatochno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	710	175	191	27
Leninogorsk	72			
Zyryanovsk	53			
Ust'-Kamenogorsk	50			
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	866	130	150	17
Chimkent	130			
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	354	87	110	31
Ural'sk	87			
<u>Kirgizskaya SSR</u>	1,911	245	269	14
Dzhajal-Abadskaya Obl.	278	0	0	0
Frunzenskaya Obl.	804	190	205	26
Frunze	190			
Issyk-Kulskaya Obl.	223	0	0	0
Oshskaya Obl.	489	55	64	13
Osh	55			
Tyan'-Shanskaya Obl.	117	0	0	0
<u>Latviyskaya SSR</u>	2,033	693	730	36
Riga	365			
Liyepaya	69			
Daugavpils	59			
<u>Litovskaya SSR</u>	2,673	545	604	23
Vilnyus	206			
Kaunas	201			
Klaypeda	26			
Shtyavulyai	52			

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<u>Moldavskaya SSR</u>	2,678	251	310	12
Kishinev	190			
Beltsy	61			
<u>RSFSR</u>	113,225	33,624	39,031	35
Altayskiy Kray	2,579	462	665	26
Rubtsovsk	95			
Biysk	112			
Barnaul	255			
Khabarovskiy Kray	1,140	509	552	48
Khabarovsk	280			
Komsomol'sk-Amure	169			
Sovetskaya Gavan'	60			
Krasnodarskiy Kray	3,604	720	810	23
Krasnodar	271			
Maykop	77			
Armavir	102			
Kropotkin	51			
Novorossiysk	79			
Yeysk	56			
Sochi	84			
Krasnoyarskiy Kray	2,474	481	540	22
Krasnoyarsk	328			
Kansk	61			
Noril'sk	92			
Primorskiy Kray	1,305	474	525	40
Artem	54			
Vladvostok	265			
Ussuriysk (Vorshilov)	131			
Nakhodka	54			
Stavropol'skiy Kray	1,866	250	360	19
Stavropol'	123			
Kislovodsk	58			
Pyatigorsk	69			
Amurskaya Obl.	737	190	225	31
Svobodny	55			
Blagoveshchensk	85			
Belogorsk (Kuybyshevka- Vostochnaya)	50			

Arkhangel'skaya Obl.	1,205	306	350	29
Arkhangel'sk	238			
Severodvinsk (Molotovsk)	68			
Astrakhanskaya Obl.	666	276	300	45
Astrakhan'	276			
Belgorodskaya Obl.	1,190	0	0	0
Bryanskaya Obl.	1,551	185	200	13
Bryansk	185			
Chelyabinskaya Obl.	2,767	1,333	1,463	53
Kopeyok	149			
Chelyabinsk	612			
Korkino	77			
Zlatoust	143			
Magnitogorsk	284			
Troitsk	68			
Chitinskaya Obl.	1,009	162	175	17
Chita	162			
Gor'kovskaya Obl.	3,466	1,023	1,173	34
Dzerzhinsk	147			
Gor'kiy	876			
Irkutskaya Obl.	1,757	528	575	33
Irkutsk	314			
Cherumkhovo	124			
Angarsk	90			
Ivanovskaya Obl.	1,351	518	550	41
Ivanovo	319			
Shuya	64			
Vichuga	51			
Kineshma	84			
Kaliningradskaya Obl.	621	188	210	34
Kaliningrad	188			
Kalininskaya Obl.	1,817	300	311	17
Kalinin	240			
Vychniy Volochek	60			

Kaluzhskaya Obl.	895	122	135	15
Kaluga	122			
Kamchatskaya Obl.	209	58	64	31
Petropavlovsk- Kamchatskiy	58			
Kemerovskaya Obl.	2,626	1,339	1,485	57
Anzhero-Sudzhensk	116			
Kemerovo	240			
Leninsk-Kuznetskiy	119			
Belovo	67			
Kiselevsk	116			
Prokop'yevsk	260			
Stalinsk	347			
Osinniki	74			
Kirovskaya Obl.	1,919	211	258	13
Kirov	211			
Kostromskaya Obl.	897	156	165	18
Kostroma	156			
Kurganskaya Obl.	982	106	125	13
Kurgan	106			
Kurskaya Obl.	1,464	179	220	15
Kursk	179			
Kuybyshevskaya Obl.	2,196	1,007	1,080	49
Kuybyshev	760			
Chapayevsk	78			
Syzran'	169			
Leningradskaya Obl.	4,364	2,865	3,231	74
Leningrad	2,814			
Vyborg	51			
Lypetskaya Obl.	1,131	183	200	18
Lypetsk	123			
Yelets	60			

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Magadanskaya Obl.	240	55	65	27
Magadan	55			
Moskovskaya Obl.	10,505	6,356	8,000	76
Moscow	4,839			
Babushkin	103			
Belashikha	53			
Yegor'yevsk	59			
Zagorsk	72			
Kolonna	94			
Kuntsevo	111			
Lyubertsy	81			
Lyublino	84			
Mytishchi	91			
Noginsk	99			
Orekhovo-Zuyevo	109			
Pavlovskuy Posad	52			
Perevo	132			
Podol'sk	113			
Serpukhov	102			
Tushin	74			
Elektrostal'	88			
Murmanskaya Obl.	474	168	190	40
Murmansk	168			
Novgorodskaya Obl.	718	0	0	0
Novosibirskaya Obl.	2,208	731	750	34
Novosibirsk	731			
Omskaya Obl.	1,605	505	530	33
Omsk	505			
Orenburgskaya Obl. (Chkalovskaya Obl.)	1,776	435	483	27
Orenburg (Chkalov)	226			
Orsk	157			
Buzuluk	52			
Orlovskaya Obl.	915	128	140	15
Orël	128			
Penzenskaya Obl.	1,515	281	310	21
Penza	231			
Kusnetek	50			

Permskaya Obl. (Molotovskaya Obl.)	2,883	965	1,250	43
Krasnokamsk	50			
Perm (Molotov)	538			
Lys'va	66			
Kungur	60			
Chusovoy	56			
Gubakha	50			
Berezniki	93			
Kizel	52			
Pskovskaya Obl.	1,008	122	126	13
Pskov	69			
Velikiye Luki	53			
Rostovskaya Obl.	3,155	1,165	1,490	47
Rostov	552			
Shakhty	180			
Novoshakhtinsk	95			
Taganrog	189			
Novocherkassk	90			
Kamensk-Shakhtinskiy	59			
Ryazan'skaya Obl.	1,412	136	150	11
Ryazan'	136			
Sakhalinskaya Obl.	689	79	120	17
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk	79			
Saratovskaya Obl.	2,103	713	770	37
Balashov	56			
Saratov	518			
Engel's	79			
Vol'sk	60			
Smolenskaya Obl.	1,166	131	150	13
Smolensk	131			
Stalinogradskaya Obl.	1,732	525	625	36
Stalingrad	525			

Sverdlovskaya Obl.	3,727	1,464	1,566	42
Sverdlovsk	707			
Serov	93			
Asbest	54			
Kamensk-Uralskiy	122			
Pervoural'sk	78			
Revdá	51			
Nizhniy Tagil	297			
Krasnoturinsk	62			
Tambovskaya Obl.	1,541	225	270	18
Tambov	150			
Michurinsk	75			
Tomskaya Obl.	751	224	280	37
Tomsk	224			
Tul'skaya Obl.	1,895	484	575	30
Tula	320			
Stalinogorsk	109			
Uzlovaya	55			
Tyumenskaya Obl.	1,088	125	150	14
Tyumen'	125			
Ul'yanskovskaya Obl.	1,126	183	198	18
Ul'yanskovsk	183			
Vladimirovskaya Obl.	1,355	275	315	23
Murom	64			
Vladimir	121			
Kovrov	90			
Vologodskaya Obl.	1,297	200	230	18
Vologda	127			
Cherepovets	73			
Voronezhskaya Obl.	2,287	455	505	22
Voronezh	400			
Borisoglebsk	55			
Yaroslávskaya Obl.	1,371	536	560	41
Yaroslavl'	374			
Rybinsk	162			

Bashkirskaya ASSR	3,223	640	693	22
Ufa	471			
Oktyabrskiy	63			
Sterlitamak	55			
Beloret'sk	51			
Buryatskaya ASSR (Buryat-Mongol'skaya ASSR)	650	158	165	25
Ulan-Ude	158			
Checheno-Ingushskaya ASSR	544	226	250	46
Groznyy	226			
Chuvashskaya ASSR	1,095	63	90	8
Cheboksary	63			
Dagestanskaya ASSR	958	106	130	14
Makhachkala	106			
Kabardino-Balkarskaya ASSR	359	72	100	28
Nal'chik	72			
Karel'skaya ASSR	615	118	130	21
Petrozavodsk	118			
Komi ASSR	670	51	60	9
Syktyvkar	51			
Mariyskaya ASSR	643	73	85	13
Ioshkar-Ola	73			
Mordovskaya ASSR	1,000	66	95	9
Saransk	66			
Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR	417	159	200	48
Ordzhonikidze	159			



Tatarakaya ASSR	2,784	675	820	29
Bugul'ma	53			
Zelenodolsk	57			
Kazan'	565			
Udmurtskaya ASSR	1,285	366	400	31
Izhevsk	252			
Votkinsk	54			
Sarapul	60			
Yakutskaya ASSR	483	63	68	14
Yakutsk	63			
<u>Tadzhikskaya SSR</u>	1,775	259	280	16
Stalinsk	191			
Leninabadskaya Obl.	35	68	75	13
Leninabad	68			
<u>Turkmeneskaya SSR</u>	1,356	204	230	17
Ashkhabadskaya Obl.	430	142	150	31
Ashkhabad	142			
Chardzhouskaya Obl.	300	62	80	27
Chardzhou	62			
Maryyskaya Obl.	313	0	0	0
Tashauzskaya Obl.	254	0	0	0
<u>Ukrainskaya SSR</u>	40,587	8,900	10,617	26
Cherkasskaya Obl.	1,497	62	70	5
Cherkassy	62			
Chernigovskaya Obl.	1,568	74	85	5
Chernigov	74			
Chernovitskaya Obl.	167	142	155	20
Chernovtsy	142			

Dnepropetrovskaya Obl.	2,469	1,145	1,225	50
Dnepropetrovsk	576			
Dneprodzerzhinsk	163			
Dikopoi <sup>2</sup>	84			
Krivoy Rog	322			
Drogobychskaya Obl.	853	0	0	0
Kar'kovskaya Obl.	2,445	877	900	37
Khar'kov	877			
Khersonskaya Obl.	807	134	150	19
Kherson	134			
Khmel'nitskaya Obl.	1,631	52	90	6
Khmel'nitskiy	52			
Kirovogradskaya Obl.	1,206	115	130	11
Kirovograd	115			
Kiyevskaya Obl.	2,686	991	1,100	41
Kiev	991			
Krymskaya Obl.	1,119	442	527	47
Simferopol <sup>2</sup>	159			
Sevastopol <sup>2</sup>	133			
Kerch	95			
Yevpatoriya	55			
Luganskaya Obl. (Voroshlovgradskaya Obl.)	2,220	158	620	28
Lugansk (Voroshlovgrad)	251			
Kadiyanka	170			
Voroshilovsk	70			
Krasnyy Lun	69			
L'vovskaya Obl.	1,236	387	410	33
L'vov	387			
Nikolayevskaya Obl.	996	205	250	25
Nikolayev	205			

Odesskaya Obl.	1,943	607	640	33
Odessa	607			
Foltavskaya Obl.	1,634	206	250	15
Foltava	129			
Kremenchug	77			
Rovenskaya Obl.	921	0	0	0
Stalinskaya Obl.	3,931	1,952	2,950	75
Konstantinovka	90			
Krematorsk	117			
Gorlovka	240			
Stalino	625			
Makeyevka	311			
Zhdanov	273			
Yenakiyevo	86			
Slavyansk	85			
Chistyakovo	78			
Artemovsk	57			
Stanislavskaya Obl.	1,100	64	70	6
Stanislav	64			
Sumskaya Obl.	1,525	83	90	6
Sumy	83			
Ternopol'skaya Obl.	1,090	0	0	0
Vinnitskaya Obl.	2,143	105	125	6
Vinnitsa	105			
Volynskaya Obl.	890	53	70	8
Iutsk	53			
Zakarpatskaya Obl.	949	0	0	0
Zaporozhskaya Obl.	1,393	330	600	43
Zaporozhe	361			
Osipenko	59			
Melitopol'	90			
Zhitomirskaya Obl.	1,907	95	110	7
Zhitomir	95			

<u>Uzbekskaya SSR</u>	7,317	1,294	1,790	25
Andizhanskaya Obl.	712	115	210	29
Andizhan	115			
Bukharskaya Obl.	529	57	100	19
Bukhara	57			
Ferganskaya Obl.	863	70	150	17
Fergana	70			
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	465	0	0	0
Kashka-Darinskaya Obl.	435	0	0	0
Khorezmskaya Obl.	363	0	0	0
Namanganskaya Obl.	541	104	190	35
Namangan	104			
Samar kandskaya Obl.	1,044	370	240	23
Samar kand	370			
Surkhan-Darinskaya Obl.	351	0	0	0
Tashkent skaya Obl.	2,014	778	900	45
Tashkent	778			